

## Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 CAIRO 11783 011814Z

60

ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 W  
----- 072120

R 011608Z SEP 76  
FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6645

S E C R E T CAIRO 11783

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR EG IS  
SUBJ: GOE LEGAL POSITION ON BUFFER ZONE

REF: CAIRO 10489

1. DURING MEETING ON OTHER SUBJECTS SEPT 1, DIRECTOR MFA LEGAL DEPARTMENT, NABIL AL-ARABY, TOLD EMBOFFS OF RECENT GOE ACTIONS TO ESTABLISH ITS LEGAL POSITION REGARDING BUFFER ZONE. HE SAID THAT GOE BELIEVES IT HAS RIGHT TO EXERCISE FULL SOVEREIGNTY IN BUFFER ZONE AND CAN TAKE ANY ACTIONS IT DESIRES WITH EXPECTATION OF MILITARY ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED BY SINAI II. FOR EXAMPLE, ENTRY INTO THE BUFFER ZONE SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO THOSE PROSSESSING EGYPTIAN ID CARDS, WHICH UNEF THEN STAMPS. SOME TIME AGO GOE HAD NOTED THAT PERSONS (BEDOUINS FROM ISRAELI-OCCUPIED SINAI AND GAZA STUDENTS AND OTHERS) WERE ENTERING BZ WITH ISRAELI ID CARDS AS WELL AS VEHICLES WITH ISRAELI LICENSE PLATES. THEY HAD BROUGHT THIS MATTER TO ATTENTION OF UN AND SEC GEN WALDHEIM HAD RESPONDED BY SENDING HIS DEPUTY JAMES JONAH TO CAIRO IN EARLY JULY. GOE HAD BELIEVED THAT UN WOULD NOT DISPUTE EGYPT'S CLAIM OF FULL SOVEREIGNTY, BUT IT WANTED TO BE CERTAIN BEFORE TAKING ACTION SUCH AS SIGNING OF OIL EXPLORATION AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN COMPANIES. JONAH HAD APPARENTLY SAID HE MUSHT CONSULT WITH WALDHEIM BEFORE RESPONDING.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 CAIRO 11783 011814Z

2. AL-ARABY SAID GOE STILL AWAINTING WALDHEIM'S RESONSE.

LATEST NEWS AL-ARABY HAD WAS TELEGARAM FROM EGYPTIAN MISSION IN NEW YORK STATING THAT WALDHEIM HAD DECIDED TO CONSULT WIRH SECRETARY KISSINGER BEFORE REPLYING.

3. AL-ARABY SAID THAT EGYPTIAN SOVEREIGNTY ALSO EXTENDS TO TERRITORIAL WATERS NORTH OF BZ. HE NOTED THAT ISRAEL HAD "CLEVERLY" FIXED EASTERN END OF BUFFER ZONE SO THAT ONLY ENTRY TO LAKE BARDAWIL IS ON ISRAELI SIDE OF BUFFER ZONE. THUS, EGYPTIAN FISHERMAN FROM PORT SAID HAD TO OBTAIN ESRAELI PERMISSION TO ENTER LAKE. GOE HAS INSTRUCTED FISHERMAN NTO TO ENTER LAKE.

4. ASIDE FROM ID CARDS AND OIL EXPLORATION CONCESSIONS, AL-ARABY DID NOT MENTION OTHER ACTIONS GOE MAY BE CONTEMPLATING TO EXERCISE ITS SOVEREIGNTY.  
EILTS

SECRET

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** SOVEREIGNTY, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION, BUFFER AREAS, TRAVEL CONTROLS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 01 SEP 1976  
**Decaption Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** CunninFX  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1976CAIRO11783  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D760332-0884  
**From:** CAIRO  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1976/newtext/t197609103/aaaadkia.tel  
**Line Count:** 79  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION SS  
**Original Classification:** SECRET  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** SECRET  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Reference:** 76 CAIRO 10489  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** CunninFX  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 03 JUN 2004  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <03 JUN 2004 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <08 OCT 2004 by CunninFX>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
04 MAY 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** GOE LEGAL POSITION ON BUFFER ZONE  
**TAGS:** PFOR, PBOR, IS, EG, (AL-ARABY, NABIL)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006